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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Yasunobu SAKAGUCHI  
IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND IMAGE READING METHOD  
Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.  
Our Ref: Q78044



Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/343,506 (Confirmation No.8006) filed June 30, 1999 of Yasunobu SAKAGUCHI entitled IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND IMAGE READING METHOD.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 27 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application, and a Preliminary Amendment.

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/343,506 filed June 30, 1999; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2626.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10-185264	June 30, 1998

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/343,506.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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